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PARTY ORGANIZATION IS DELINQUENT -- Baku, Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 5 Feb 53

Various reasons for the poor showing of the plant have been given by the rayon party committee. Some of these are the insufficient utilization of machine tools, as evidenced by the 1952 total of over 300,000 machine-tool hours of idle time; the low level of technology; poor organization of working areas; and insufficient efforts to raise the qualifications of the workers' cadres.

At a recent discussion of the plant's achievements, Khalilov, the plant director, limited his report to the records of the monthly and quarterly plan fulfillment of only the leading shops, passing over the unsatisfactory records of the other shops, and speaking of "improvements" and "turning points," even though the plant had fulfilled its January gross-production plan only 69 percent. This attitude of the director hardly permits the proper critical approach to shortcomings.

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Many Communists at the plant are lapsing into the attitudes of formalism, while the bulk of the party business is carried out by those members of the party bureau who occupy functions of a permanent nature, thus excluding the participation of others who are ordinarily busy on other jobs. Furthermore, the fact that all party members are fulfilling their norms, while nonparty members are not, does not alarm the party groups as it should.

It is now up to the Stalinskiy Rayon Party Committee to devote serious attention to the party organization at the Baku Plant imeni Volodarskiy, where Mamedov heads the party bureau, and to aid it in mobilizing the plant for the effort required to fulfill its production quotas.

NEW DRILLING RIG- --Moscow, Trud, 13 May 53

The Sverdlovsk Uralmash Plant has begun production of a new petroleum drilling rig, the "Uralmash 3-D."

PRODUCE DRILLING TOWERS -- Baku, Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 23 May 53

The Baku Plant imeni Sardarov has begun production of towers for use in deep-well drilling. The first ten such towers, each equal in height to a 12-story building, have already been assembled.

SAND FEED DOUBLES MACHINES' PRODUCTIVITY -- Moscow, Pravda, 6 Jun 53

The Moscow Borets Plant has installed an automatic pneumatic molding-sand feed line in its foundry. This has doubled the productivity of its molding machines, and eliminated the harmful dust which prevailed in the foundry under former conditions of sand supply.

SUPPLY BREAKDOWNS HOLD UP PRODUCTION -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 20 Jan 53

The Leninakan Machine-Building Plant must adhere more strictly to its plan if it is to increase its production of rock cutters during 1953. There is a tendency in the plant to operate with machine tools underloaded or even idle.

Supply failures are partly responsible for the plant's poor record, however, and it was because of supply breakdowns that the plant's basic shops were virtually at a standstill during January. It is up to the Ministry of Local Industry to see to it that the plant gets its materials regularly.

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